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Border Guard High Command

1. Until 15 February 1953, the Commanding Officer of the Border Guard was Colonel General VANKOV. At that date, he was succeeded by Colonel General CHAKUROV. The Chief of Staff of the Border Guard was Lieutenant Colonel DIMITROV.

Desertions from Border Guards

2. On or about 5 April 1953, an order was read to the soldiers of the Gugutka Komandatura, Ivaylovgrad, concerning an unidentified border guard who had escaped to Greece in March 1953 from the area of 3 Zastava, Zlatograd Otryad. The border guard, a resident of a border village, went home on furlough and escaped to Greece. He was sentenced to death in absentia.
3. About 22 April 1953, it was announced orally to the soldiers of Gugutka Komandatura that an unidentified border guard from the 2 Komandatura, Podelenie 6342, Ivaylovgrad, subordinate to 13 Border Otryad in Lyubimets (N 41-50, E 26-05), had escaped to Greece at the beginning of April 1953 from the "Bozhur" Zastava. It was explained that the deserter was mentally unbalanced.
4. In July 1952, an unidentified soldier attempting to escape to Yugoslavia was captured in the area of Gyueshevo (N 42-14, E 22-28) by men of 11 Border Otryad. The soldier was tried, sentenced to death, and executed.

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Radar Station near Lyubimets

5. Informant observed a large tent and a radar station three kilometers southeast of Lyubimets, and situated 800 meters east of the Lyubimets-Svilengrad road in the field close to the Maritsa River. Two Soviets in civilian clothes were observed among the service personnel. Informant also saw these Soviets in Lyubimets.

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